**What in the World Is God up to for Heaven’s Sake? 3**

**October 30, 2022 @ Risen Savior Lutheran Church – Broomfield, CO**

TABLE TALK: Recalling Jesus’ Great Commission in Matthew 28 (“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”), if you had been one of the original disciples, what part would have been most important to you?

1. He has authority over everything.
2. He wants me to help spread the word.
3. He will always be with me.
4. There will come a time when history will come to a close.
5. Something else: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 16:18-19 What did Jesus establish to continue His mission, and what is its mandate? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And what did He say is the Church’s mission?

* Matthew 28:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mark 16:15-16 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Luke 24:46-47 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What do we also learn from:

* John 14:12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 15:27 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 17:18 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why is this necessary?

See Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read Exodus 19:5-6. What role were the OT children of God to play?

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Read 1 Peter 2:9. What role are the NT children of God to play?

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Read Titus 3:5-7. As best as you can recall, when did you first come to realize that it isn’t so much what you do for God, but He’s done for you?

Read 1 Peter 1:23. What characteristics of seeds and germination lend itself to this analogy?

Read Romans 10:14. What would you say is Paul’s purpose in posing this series of questions?

Think of some goals that a church might set for itself.

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Now think of some goals God has given to the church.

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Which ones overlap?

Which ones potentially conflict?

“The church of God does not have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world; the God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a church in the world.” *(Tim Dearborn, “A Passion of Christ, a Heart for Mission”)*